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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the subject application as follows.

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 5 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- This application is a Divisional application of U. S. Serial No. 09/564,329, filed May 3, 2000, which is a CIP of U.S. Serial No. 09/359,326, filed July 20, 1999, which is a CIP of U.S. Serial No. 09/318,503, filed May 25, 1999, which is a CIP of U.S. Serial No. 09/251,835, filed February 17, 1999, which is a CIP of U.S. Serial No. 09/203,939, filed December 2, 1998, which is a CIP of U.S. Serial No. 09/038,261, filed March 10, 1998; claiming the priority of provisional applications, U.S. Serial No. 60/228,816, filed March

10, 1997; U. S. Serial No. 60/071,141 filed January 12, 1998 and; U. S. Serial No. 60/074,675, filed February 13, 1998. This application further claims the benefit of the filing dates of U.S. Serial No. 60/113,230 filed December 21, 1998, U.S. Serial No. 60/120,536 filed February 17, 1999, and U.S. Serial No. 60/124,658 filed March 16, 1999. The contents of all of the foregoing applications are incorporated by reference into the present application. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 13 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- **FIG. 1A.** Nucleotide sequence (SEQ ID NO:1, ATCC Designation 209612) of a cDNA encoding human PSCA.

FIG. 1B. Translated amino acid sequence (SEQ ID NO:2) of human PSCA. -- .

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 16 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- **FIG. 2.** Nucleotide sequence (SEQ ID NO:3), of a murine cDNA PSCA homologue and the translated amino acid sequence (SEQ ID NO:4) of murine PSCA. -- .

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 2-52 without prejudice to pursue the subject matter of these claims in a related application.

Please add new claims 53-69 as follows:

--53. (NEW) A Prostate Stem Cell Antigen (PSCA) protein fragment which induces an immune response in a subject, wherein the fragment comprises a portion of the PSCA protein. --

- 63. (NEW) The PSCA protein fragment of claim 53, consisting of amino acid residues 67 through 81 as described in SEQ ID NO:2. --
- 64. (NEW) The PSCA protein fragment of claim 53, consisting of amino acid residues 21 through 99 as described in SEQ ID NO:2. --
- 65. (NEW) The PSCA protein fragment of claim 53, consisting of amino acid residues 71 through 82 as described in SEQ ID NO:2. --
- 66. (NEW) The PSCA protein fragment of claim 53, consisting of amino acid residues 85 through 99 as described in SEQ ID NO:2. --
- 67. (NEW) The PSCA protein fragment of claim 53, consisting of amino acid residues 18 through 50 as described in SEQ ID NO:2. --
- 68. (NEW) The PSCA protein fragment of claim 53, consisting of amino acid residues 46 through 98 as described in SEQ ID NO:2. --
- 69. (NEW) The PSCA protein fragment of claim 53, consisting of amino acid residues 85 through 98 as described in SEQ ID NO:2. --

REMARKS

By way of this Preliminary Amendment, applicants cancelled claims 2-52 and applicants add new claims 53-69. Accordingly, claims 1 and 53-69 are pending.

The amendment to the specification at the paragraph beginning at line 5, page 1, is merely to state the priority information and does not constitute new matter.

The amendment to the specification at the paragraph beginning at line 13, page 6, is merely to add the sequence listing indicator (e.g., SEQ ID NO:) and does not constitute new matter.

The amendment to the specification at the paragraph beginning at line 16, page 6, is merely to add the sequence listing indicator (e.g., SEQ ID NO:) and does not constitute new matter.

Support for new claim 53 can be found in the originally-filed specification of 09/564,329 at page 22, lines 26-27; page 47, lines 20-23.

Support for new claim 54 can be found in the originally-filed specification of 09/564,329 at page 21, lines 29-30.

Support for new claim 55 can be found in the originally-filed specification of 09/564,329 at page 23, lines 4-7.

Support for new claim 56 can be found in the originally-filed specification of 09/564,329 at page 23, lines 4-7.

Support for new claim 57 can be found in the originally-filed specification of 09/564,329 at page 23, lines 4-7.

Support for new claim 58 can be found in the originally-filed specification of 09/564,329 at page 115, lines 15-16.

Support for new claim 59 can be found in the originally-filed specification of 09/564,329 at page 89, lines 7-9.

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Support for new claim 60 can be found in the originally-filed specification of 09/564,329 at page 92, lines 27-28.

Support for new claim 61 can be found in the originally-filed specification of 09/564,329 at page 92, lines 28-29.

Support for new claim 62 can be found in the originally-filed specification of 09/564,329 at page 30, line 26.

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Support for new claim 64 can be found in the originally-filed specification of 09/564,329 at page 6, lines 18-23; and Figure 3; and page 92, lines 6-7.

Support for new claim 65 can be found in the originally-filed specification of 09/564,329 at page 22, line 24.

Support for new claim 66 can be found in the originally-filed specification of 09/564,329 at page 92, lines 29-30.

Support for new claim 67 can be found in the originally-filed specification of 09/564,329 at page 23, lines 4-7.

Support for new claim 68 can be found in the originally-filed specification of 09/564,329 at page 23, lines 4-7.

Support for new claim 69 can be found in the originally-filed specification of 09/564,329 at page 23, lines 4-7.

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Entry of these amendments and the foregoing remarks is respectfully requested.

No fee is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Amendment. If any fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 50-0306.

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